

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000
Public Law 106-393
Title II Project Application
Medford District Resource Advisory Committee

1. Project Number (Assigned by federal unit): **117-03-08**

2. Project Name: Cathedral Hills Trail Maintenance **3. County:** Josephine _____

4. Project Sponsor: BLM, **5. Date:** 5/7/02 Amended -
5/21/02 _____

6. Sponsors Phone # 541-618-2220 _____

7. Sponsor's E-mail: jeanne_klein@blm.gov

8. Project Location (attach project area map)

a. 4th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): _____

b. 5th Field Watershed Name and HUC #(if known): Grants Pass _____

c. Legal Location:

Township 36S Range 5W Section(s) 31, 29 _____

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d. BLM District: Medford

e. BLM Resource Area : Grants Pass

f. National Forest _____

g. Forest Service District _____

h. State / Private / Other lands involved? ☐ Yes ☒ No

9. Statement of Project Goals and Objectives:

Trail maintenance, rerouting and reconstruction, fuels hazard reduction and easement acquisition in partnership with Friends of Cathedral Hills, Josephine County Parks and Boy Scout Troop 77.

10. Project Description: (Provide concise description of project and attach map.)

Cathedral Hills is a 400 acre BLM parcel leased to the Josephine County Parks through a R&PP lease. It is located in a rural interface, with houses on all sides. The majority of the trails need to be rerouted to reduce erosion and provide a trail system with more favorable grades (average of 10%). Currently, average grades are 20–40%.

The area has dense stands of brush and timber in places, and is a high hazard for fire. Fuel reduction treatments in the area would reduce the hazard to the site and surrounding private lands. Interpretation of the area's natural resources and the urban interface as related to fire hazard will also be done.

Installation of a toilet at the main trailhead would reduce impacts at the site.

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11. Coordination of this project with other related project(s) on adjacent lands?

☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, then describe.

12. How does proposed project meet purposes of the Legislation? [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

- ☒ Improves maintenance of existing infrastructure. [Sec. 2(b)]
- ☒ Implements stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems. [Sec. 2(b)]
- ☒ Restores and improves land health. [Sec. 2(b)]
- ☐ Restores water quality. [Sec. 2(b)]

13. Project Type (check one) [Sec. 203(b)(1)]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road Decommission/Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trail Obliteration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Infrastructure Maintenance (specify): _____ [Sec. 2(b)(2)(A)] | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Productivity Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(B)] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Health Improvement [Sec. 2(b)(2)(C)] |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watershed Restoration & Mntc. [Sec. 2(b)(2)(D)] | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Habitat Restoration [Sec. 2(b)(2)(E)] | <input type="checkbox"/> Control of Noxious Weeds [Sec. 2(b)(2)(F)] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reestablish Native Species [Sec. 2(b)(2)(G)] | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Project Type (specify) [Sec. 2(b)(2)]: <u>2(b) 3: Improving cooperative relationships</u> | |

14. Measure of Project Accomplishments/Expected Outcomes [Sec. 203(b)(5)]

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| a. Total Acres: <u>400</u> | b. Total Miles: <u>7</u> |
| c. No. Structures: <u>0</u> | d. Estimated People Reached (for environmental education projects): <u>3,000</u> |
| e. No. of Laborer Days: <u>90</u> | |
| f. Other (specify): _____ | |

15. Duration of Project and Estimated Completion Date [Sec. 203(b)(2)]:

Three years, September, 2004_

16. Target Species Benefitted (if applicable) :

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17. How will cooperative relationships among people that use federal lands be improved? [Sec. 2(b)(3)]

Working together with local residents, volunteers and agencies will leverage each organization's money and aid in creating positive working relationships as well as a sense of ownership and pride in managing the area.

18. How is this project in the best public interest? [Sec. 203(b)(7)] **Identify benefits to communities?**

Trail reconstruction will provide a trail with a moderate grade that is not eroding, and will provide a low elevation, easily accessible opportunity for hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders. The project will help to lower the fire hazard in the area.

19. How does project benefit federal lands/resources?

The project benefits federal lands/ resources by reducing the conflicts between private landowners and trail users and reduces fire hazard and the potential for a stand replacing fire. Currently trails in the area are steep and causing erosion. Rerouting and reconstruction will decrease the erosion and create trails that are not contributing to sedimentation. Trails will also be located to avoid sensitive areas.

20. Status of Project Planning

- a. NEPA Complete: ☐ Yes ☒ No b. If No, give est. date of completion: Summer 2003
- c. NMFS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable
- d. USFWS Sec. 7 ESA Consultation Complete: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable
- e. Survey & Manage Complete: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable
- f. DSL/ODFW* Permits Obtained: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable
- g. DLS/COE* 404 Fill/Removal Permit Obtained: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable
- h. SHPO* Concurrence Received: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable
- i. Project Design(s) Completed: ☐ Yes ☒ No

* DSL = Dept. of State Lands, ODFW = Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, COE = Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO = State Historic Preservation Officer

21. Proposed Method(s) of Accomplishment

- ☒ Contract ☒ Federal Workforce
- ☒ County Workforce ☒ Volunteers
- ☐ Other (specify): _____

22. Will the Project Generate Merchantable Materials? (Sec. 204(e)(3))

- ☐ Yes ☒ No

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23. Anticipated Project Costs [Sec. 203(b)(3)]

- a. Total County Title II Funds Requested: \$132,894
- b. Is this a multi-year funding request? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, then display by fiscal year
- d. FY03 Request: \$132,894 for recreation
- e. FY04 Request: \$ 0

Item	Fed. Agency Appropriated Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Requested County Title II Contribution [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Other Contributions [Sec. 203(b)(4)]	Total Available Funds
24. Field Work & Site Surveys				
25. NEPA & Sec.7 ESA Consultation		\$4,600 FY03		
26. Permit Acquisition				
27. Project Design & Engineering		\$9,775 FY03		
28. Contract Preparation		\$4,922 FY03		
29. Contract Administration		\$4,922 FY03		
30. Contract Cost	\$126,500 to be requested under 2824 funds for fuels reduction contract FY03	\$86,250 for trail reconstruction/ construction FY03		
31. Workforce Cost		\$2,875		
32. Materials & Supplies		\$17,250 (CXT toilet) FY03 \$1,150 (materials & supplies)		
33. Monitoring		\$1,150		
34. Other				
35. Project Subtotal				
36. Indirect Costs (Overhead) (per year for multiple year projects)				

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37. Total Cost Estimate	\$126,500	\$132,894 FY03		\$132,894
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38. Identify Source(s) of Other Funding in Column C. Above [Sec. 203(b)(4)]

Volunteer hours are identified for at least two volunteer group that are working in the area. A Boy Scouts Troop from Grants Pass has contributed 150 hours total.

Friends of Cathedral Hills, a local group of residents and recreationists, will also be maintaining trails, upgrading facilities, such as hitching posts, trailhead facilities, etc. and have already spent over 100 hours working on managing the area.

39. Monitoring Plan (Sec.203(b)(6))

- a. What measures or evaluations will be made to determine how well the proposed project meets the desired ecological conditions?** [Sec. 203(b)(6)] **Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

Photo points will be established to determine if trail reroutes will reduce resource damage and if fuel hazard reduction work is successful. BLM employees or volunteers will be responsible.

- b. How will the project be evaluated to determine how well the proposed project contributes towards local employment and/or training opportunities, including summer youth jobs programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps?** [Sec. 203(b)(6)] **Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

This project has the potential to be a YCC project. We (BLM) have worked with the YCC before through the Job Council and will continue to work with them on projects such as this.

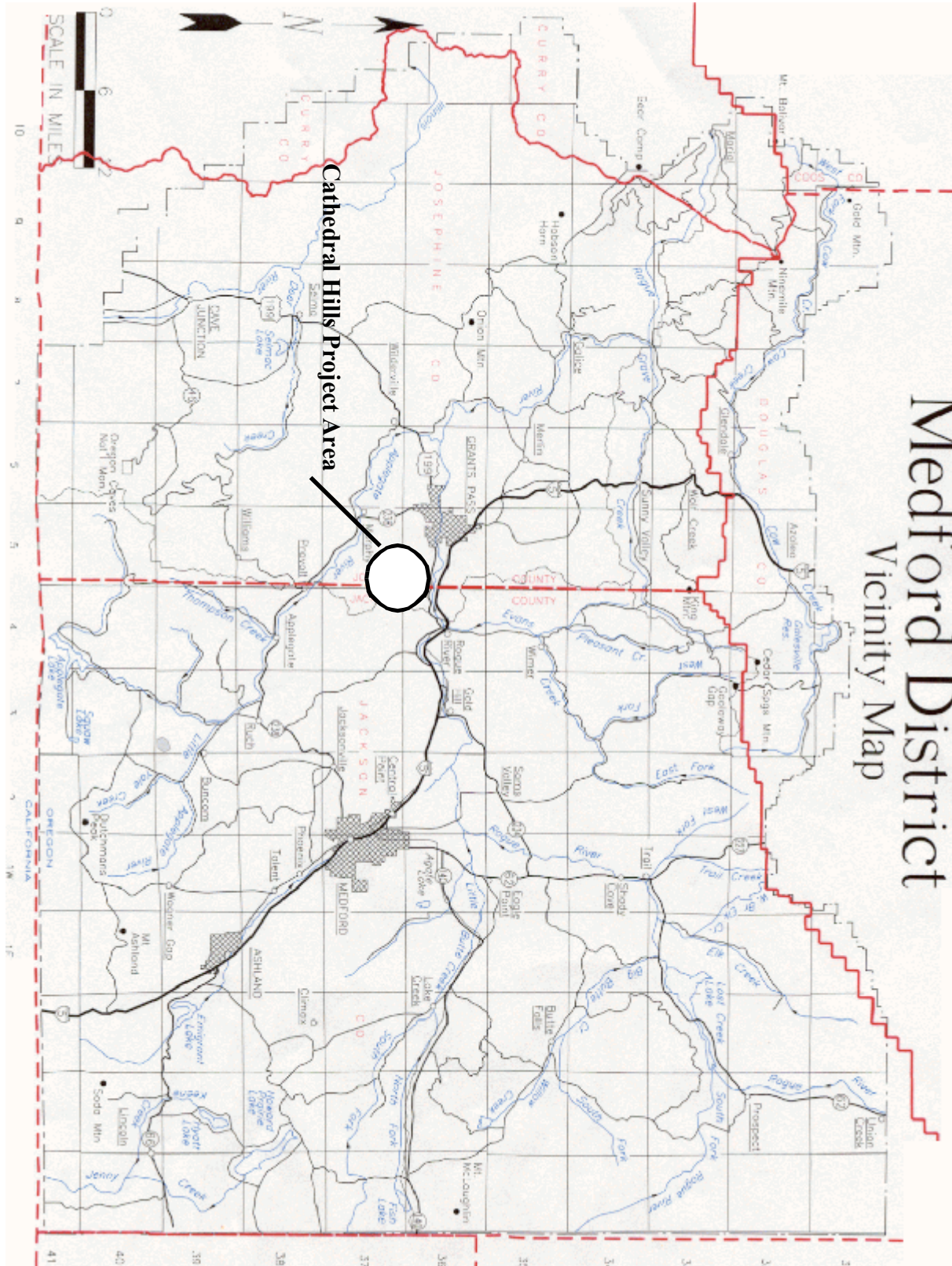
- c. What methods and measures of evaluation will be established to determine how well the proposed project improves the use of, or added value to, any products removed from National Forest System lands consistent with the purposes of this Act?** [Sec. 203(b)(6) and Sec. 204(e)(3)] **Who will be responsible for this monitoring item?**

Surveys can be done to see if users are more satisfied with the interpretation, trail rehab efforts and fuels reduction. This could be done by members of the community, volunteer forces, or a Boy Scout troop.

- d. Identify total funding needed to carry out specified monitoring tasks (Table 1, Item 33)**

Amount: \$1,150

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